

# Department of Natural Resources Impact in Dunn County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



## Did you know?

In 2011, Wisconsin had

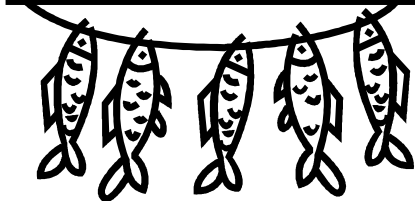
**763,384**



**RESIDENT HUNTERS**

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

**\$1.4 billion**



In Dunn County, **33,596** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

## Investments in Recreation

In fiscal year 2014, **Chippewa River State Trail, Hoffman Hills State Recreation Area and Red Cedar State Trail** had an estimated **135,560 visitors** making an estimated local impact of **\$8,942,149**.

Dunn County has over **16,762 acres** of state owned lands open to **public hunting and outdoor recreation**.

The DNR recently invested **\$63,486** in state properties in **Dunn County**. This includes work on prairie restoration and trail development.

In 2014, **DNR stocked 860 pheasants** in Dunn County. **This results in increased hunting opportunities, which helps the local economy.** Pheasant stocking continues to be a priority to promote and sustain pheasant hunting in Wisconsin.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **324 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Dunn County.

## Community Partnerships

Dunn County has **97 public water systems** that the DNR oversees to ensure they **deliver safe water**.

For calendar year 2014, the DNR entered into a **\$12,480 contract** with the Dunn County Health Department to **conduct inspections and sampling at 96 small public water systems** in Dunn and Pepin Counties.

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## Snapshot of grants in Dunn County

**Dunn County was granted a total of \$472,146** for water quality projects. Projects include: well abandonment, shoreline zone implementation and erosion planning.

**DNR awarded \$97,675** towards outdoor recreation projects including **snowmobile tail maintenance and prairie restoration to Hoffman Hills**.

**\*\*Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.**

## Forestry Activities

Forestry is the one of the **top 10 employers** in Dunn County. It produces **\$208.5 million** in economic output providing **\$63.2 million** in added value.

**Dunn County has 13,165 acres of private land open for public access for recreation as a result of tax law programs** (Forest Crop and MFL). The Tax Law Programs encourage proper management of timber, wildlife, water quality and the environment through written management plans for a landowner's property.

Since 2005, **over 10,421 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Dunn County providing over **\$369,212 in revenue** to the state.

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$35,270 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands and waters.**

Since 2011, **DNR has granted \$19,071 to local Fire Departments** in Dunn County to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety on wild land fires.

Since 2011, **Dunn County has received \$5,200 in Urban Forestry Grants** to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs.

## Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 45 contaminated properties resulting in two acres being made available for reuse.** DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment.**

DNR responded to **20 spills of hazardous materials** over the past 3 years.

DNR provided **\$176,284 in reimbursements** over the past 3 years for expenses relating to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination from product storage systems.**

## Deer Management in Dunn County

In 2014, Dunn County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

In 2013, a total of 7,476 deer were registered in Dunn County with 1,532 harvested during archery deer season and 5,944 harvested during the gun deer season.